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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, which was designated an election/restriction requirement. In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect among the species disclosed in Figs. 1, 3, 11, 18 or 19. Applicants are also required to include a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

Without acquiescing in the appropriateness of the election/restriction requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species shown in Fig. 1 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-6, 18-29, 52-54 and 56-62 are believed to be readable on the species in Fig. 1. All of these claims are generic to all of the species listed.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Enclosed is a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

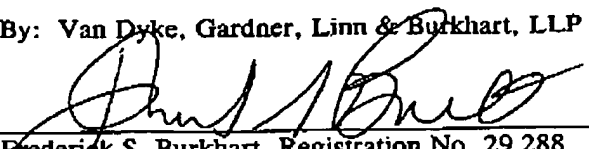
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